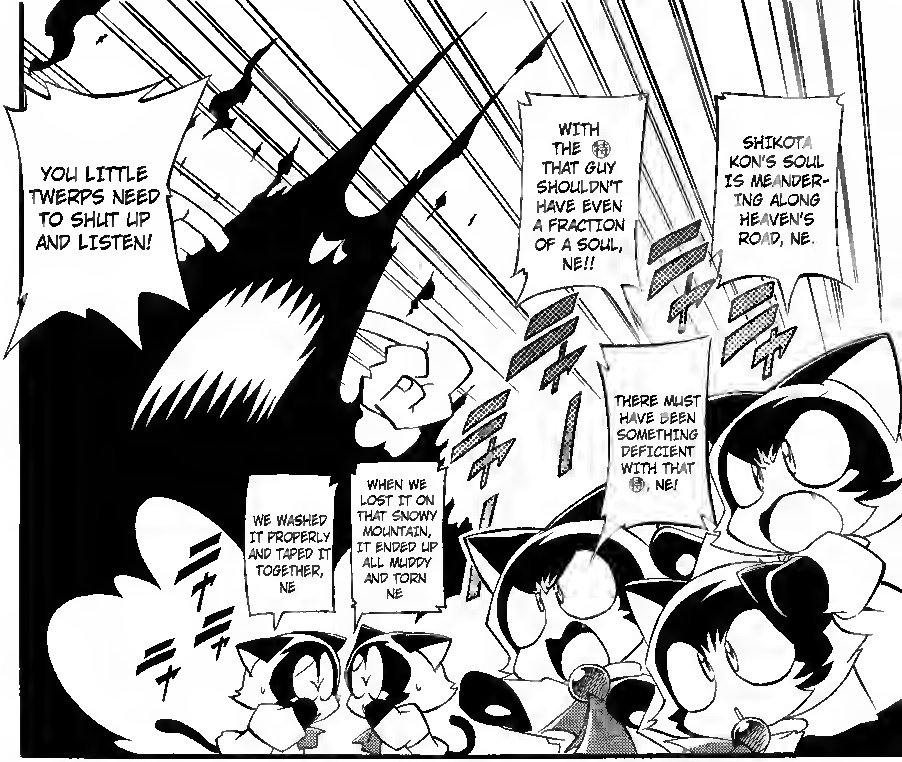
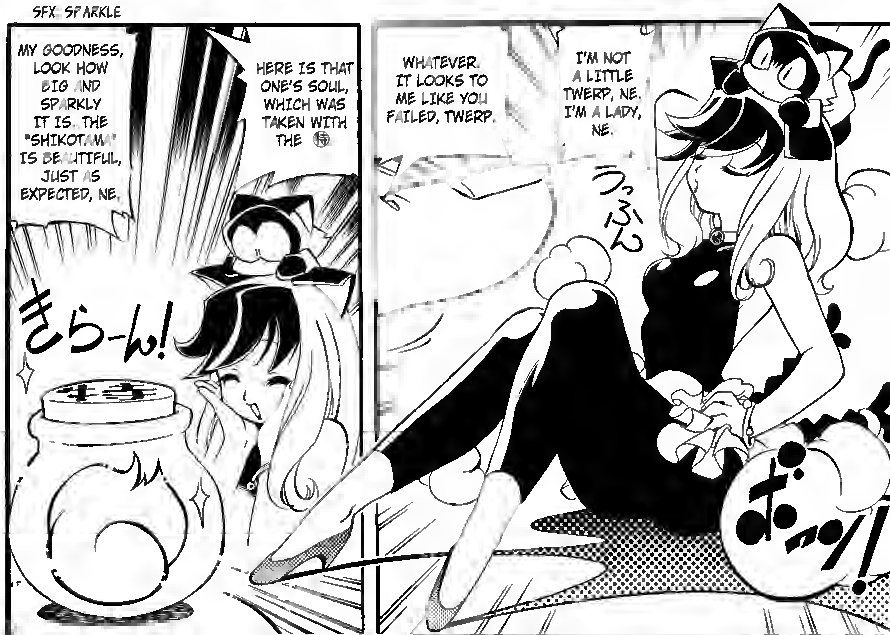
CHAPTER 6
THE FINAL WISH


YOU LITTLE TWERPS NEED TO SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
WITH THE 魂 THAT GUY SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN A FRACTION OF A SOUL, NE!!
SHIKOTA KON'S SOUL IS MEANDERING ALONG HEAVEN'S ROAD, NE.
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING DEFICIENT WITH THAT 魂, NE!
WHEN WE LOST IT ON THAT SNOWY MOUNTAIN, IT ENDED UP ALL MUDDY AND TORN NE
WE WASHED IT PROPERLY AND TAPED IT TOGETHER, NE


SFX: SPARKLE
MY GOODNESS, LOOK HOW BIG AND SPARKLY IT IS. THE "SHIKOTAMA" IS BEAUTIFUL, JUST AS EXPECTED, NE.
HERE IS THAT ONE'S SOUL, WHICH WAS TAKEN WITH THE 魂
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WHATEVER. IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU FAILED, TWERP.
I'M NOT A LITTLE TWERP, NE. I'M A LADY, NE.
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WHAT AMAZING BRILLIANCE! THERE ARE SO MANY, NE! THEY'RE SEPARATED FROM THEIR HUMANS BUT THIS IS TO MUCH, NE!!
AND HERE ARE SHIKOTA'S SOULS THAT WERE TAKEN UNTIL NOW
THAT'S A LOT OF "SHIKOTA MA", NE.
NO, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT THEM, THEY'RE ALL SPLENDID BUT JUST REGULAR SOULS...
ANYWAY, GO CAPTURE THAT ONE LAST SOUL THAT'S ON HEAVEN'S ROAD WHEN YOU'VE PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER, THAT'S WHEN IT BECOMES THE "SUPREME SOUL"
WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR GETTING THAT 魂!?
IT WAS IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY SQUEEZE EVERY LAST DROP OUT OF THAT MAN, RIGHT!?
GO TO HEAVEN'S ROAD I DON'T WANT EVEN A SINGLE HAIR ON HIS HEAD ESCAPING YOU!!
OK, PAPA.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE. ♡
PETIT DEVIL AIRLINES DESTINATION "HEAVEN'S ROAD" WILL BE DEPARTING SHORTLY
AS I THOUGHT, FOR A SMALL DEMON LIKE ME, HEAVEN IS A FORBIDDEN PLAYGROUND
AAHN, MY CHEST FEELS TIGHT AT THE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING SO NAUGHTY
WOAH, IT'S SO HIGH UP!
WHERE AM I?
OH DEAR. YOU'RE AWAKE, GANKO-CHAN?
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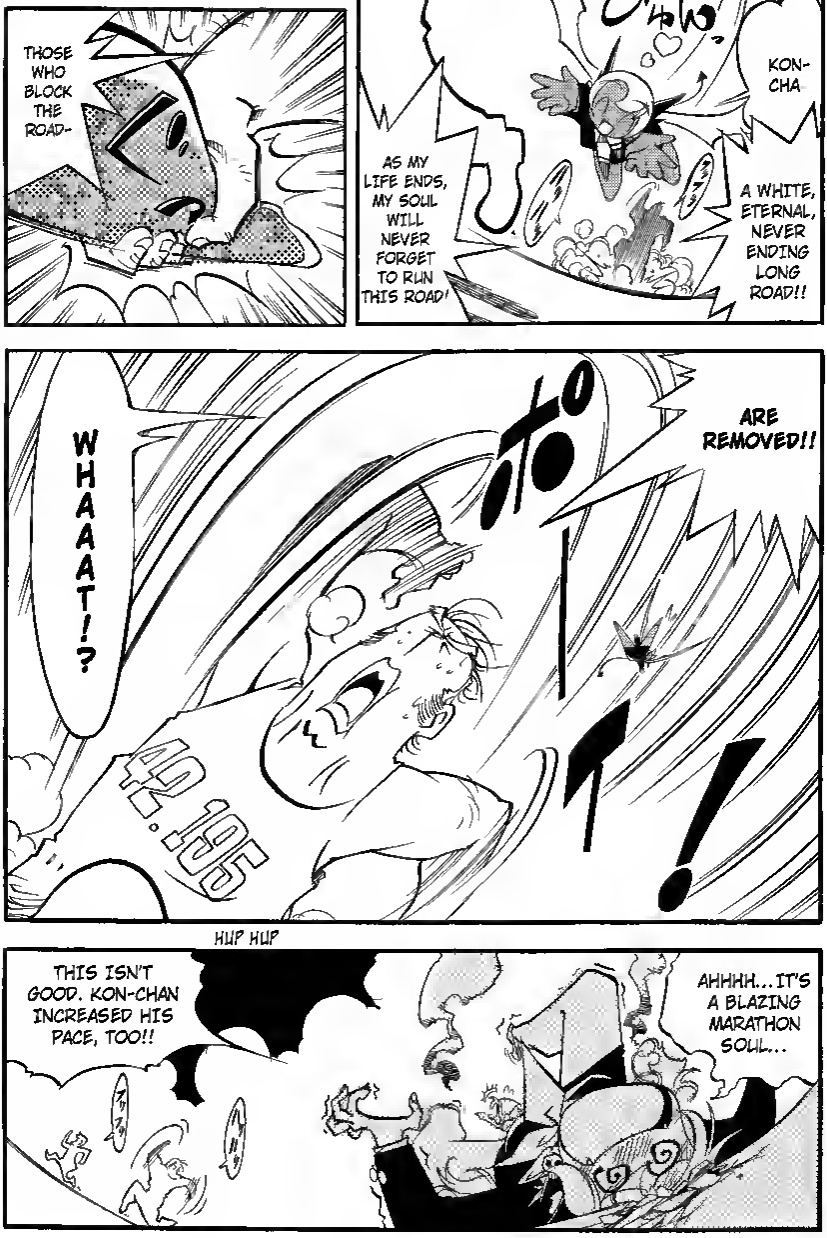
AHN. THIS FEELS MYSTERIOUSLY LIKE A MASSAGE ♡
WHY AM I SO SMALL WHILE YOU'RE ENORMOUS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAA AT!?

YOU WERE SOMEWHAT SAVED BY A FREE CONTRACT, SO YOUR SOUL RIGHT NOW
IS JUST THIS LITTLE TINY THING DEEP WITHIN MY POCKET
NOT TO MENTION, LIVING HUMANS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COME HERE.
AND - WITH JUST THAT LITTLE SOUL WE'RE SETTING OUT ON "HEAVEN'S ROAD".
FU FU, THAT'S THE LOOK OF A RAMEN-STORE SOUL
AHA, THERE'S KON-CHAN!!


THOSE WHO BLOCK THE ROAD-
AS MY LIFE ENDS, MY SOUL WILL NEVER FORGET TO RUN THIS ROAD!
KON-CHA
A WHITE, ETERNAL, NEVER ENDING LONG ROAD!!
WHAAAT!?
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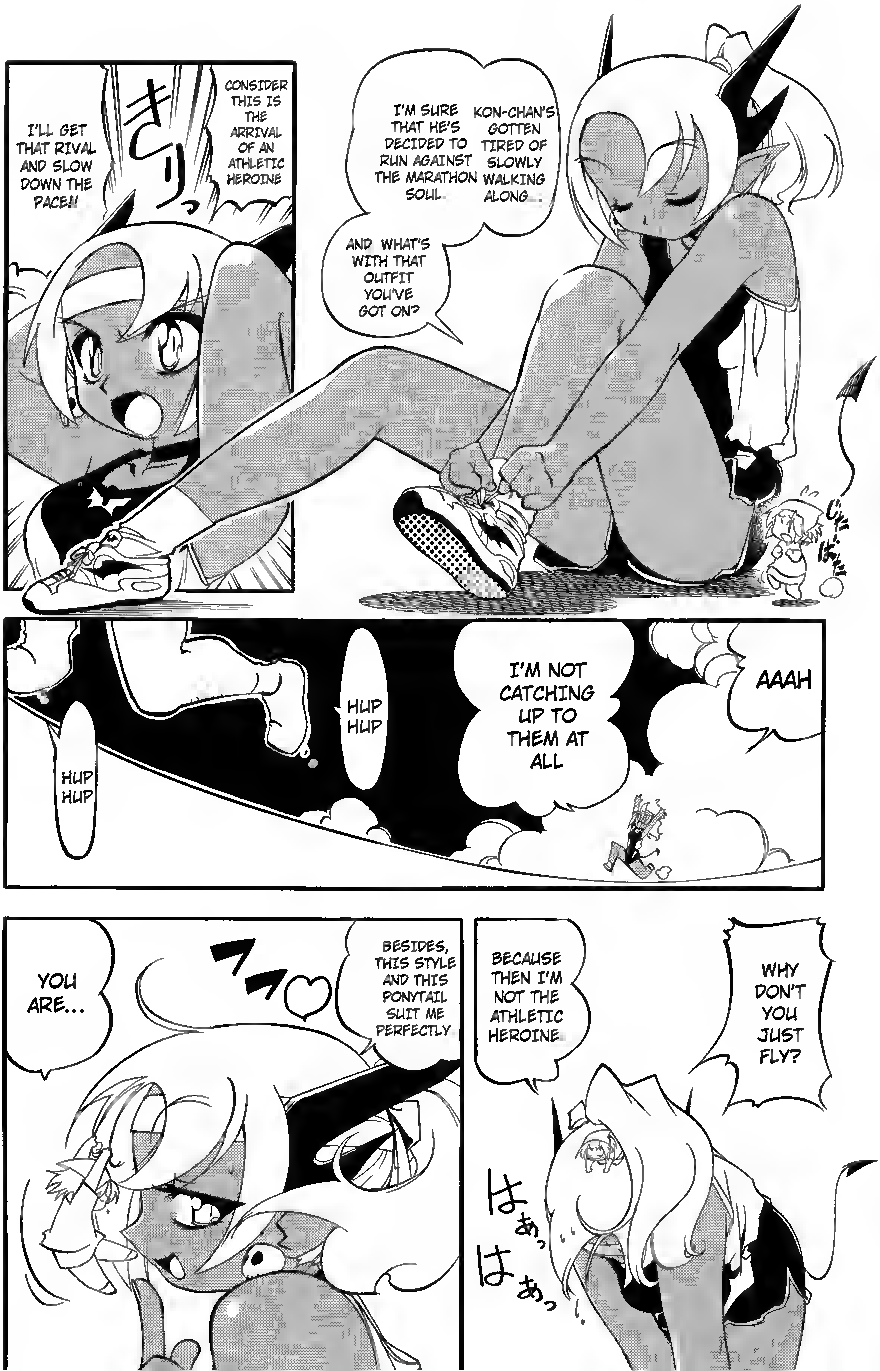
ARE REMOVED!!
HUP HUP
THIS ISN'T GOOD. KON-CHAN INCREASED HIS PACE, TOO!!
AHHHH...IT'S A BLAZING MARATHON SOUL...
HUP HUP


I'LL GET THAT RIVAL AND SLOW DOWN THE PACE!!
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CONSIDER THIS IS THE ARRIVAL OF AN ATHLETIC HEROINE
I'M SURE THAT HE'S DECIDED TO RUN AGAINST THE MARATHON SOUL
KON-CHAN'S GOTTEN TIRED OF SLOWLY WALKING ALONG...
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT YOU'VE GOT ON?
HUP HUP
HUP HUP
I'M NOT CATCHING UP TO THEM AT ALL
AAAH
YOU ARE...
BESIDES, THIS STYLE AND THIS PONYTAIL SUIT ME PERFECTLY
BECAUSE THEN I'M NOT THE ATHLETIC HEROINE
WHY DON'T YOU JUST FLY?
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REALLY ~~~
~~~~STUPID, AREN'T YOU!?
I DON'T HAVE A BODY SO ALL I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON YOU!!
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WHY ARE YOU SUCH AN IDIOT!?
OW!
OWWW!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY AND BE SO MAD!
THIS IS A LIKE MILITARY OPERATION NOW!
THAT WINDING, CLIMBING ROAD THERE MUST BE IGNORED! WE WILL GO TO THE TOP AT ONCE AND WE WILL BE WAITING FOR THEM!!
HEAVEN
WE WILL NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT L NDING ANYWHERE WHILST
YES
I DON'T HAVE THE PERSEVERANCE, THE RIGHT DISPOSITION, OR BODY STRENGTH, SO THIS IS ALL I HAVE LEFT!
I GOT IT. YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AND THEN FLY UP HIGH, RIGHT?
OK, OK.
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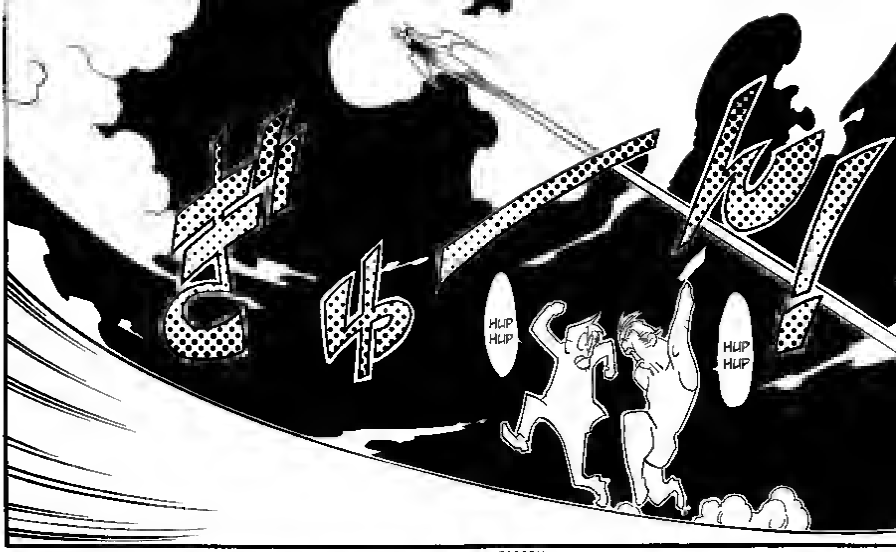
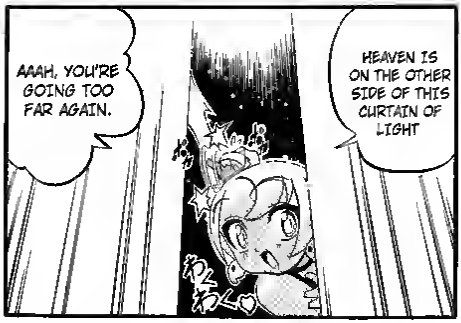
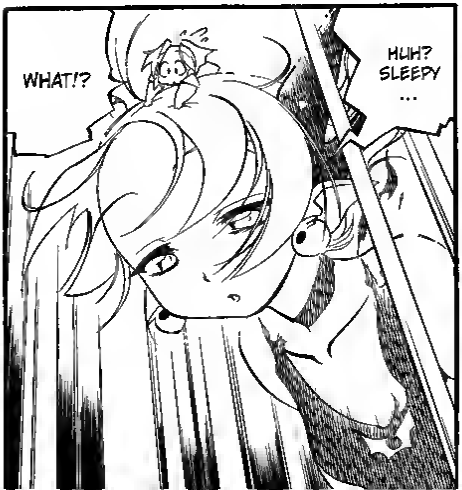
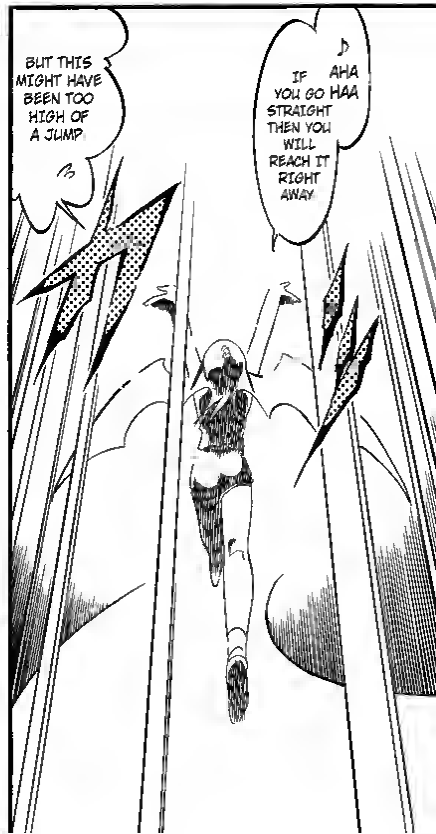

HUP HUP
HUP HUP

SFX: VROOOOM


AAAH, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR AGAIN.
HEAVEN IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CURTAIN OF LIGHT


WHAT!?
HUH? SLEEPY ...


BUT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH OF A JUMP
IF YOU GO STRAIGHT THEN YOU WILL REACH IT RIGHT AWAY
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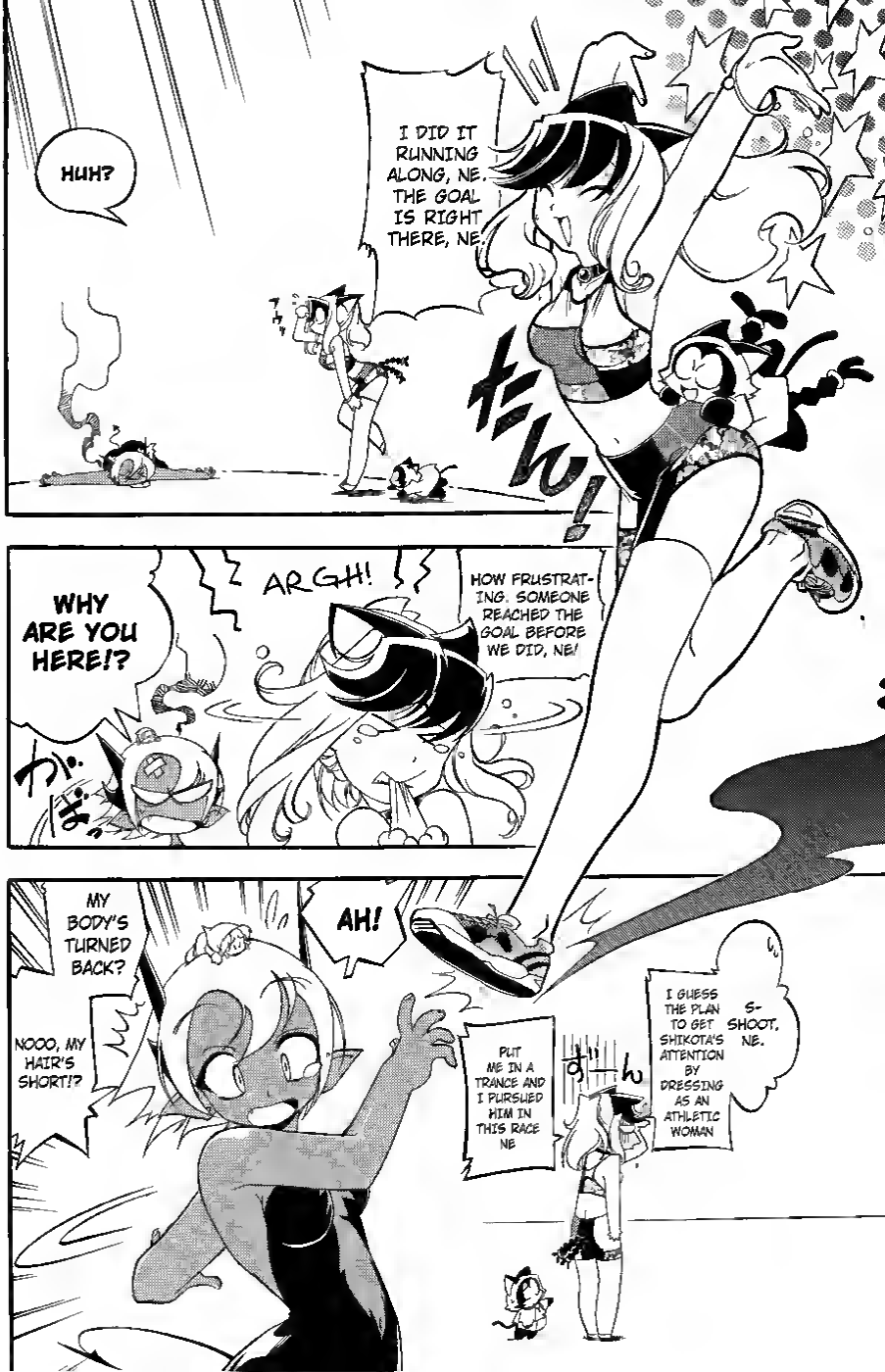
MA... MAKO-CHAN!?
YOUR WINGS ...!!
SFX: THUD


HUH?
I DID IT RUNNING ALONG, NE. THE GOAL IS RIGHT THERE, NE.
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ARGH!
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
HOW FRUSTRATING. SOMEONE REACHED THE GOAL BEFORE WE DID, NE!
AH!
MY BODY'S TURNED BACK?
NOOO, MY HAIR'S SHORT!?
PUT ME IN A TRANCE AND I PURSUED HIM IN THIS RACE NE
I GUESS THE PLAN TO GET SHIKOTA'S ATTENTION BY DRESSING AS AN ATHLETIC WOMAN
S-SHOOT, NE.

ARE YOU STILL AFTER KON-CHAN'S SOUL!?
I CAUGHT ONE!
THE FIVE BODIES ALL MERGE FOR A U-TURN...
!?
HUH? WHAT!?
DIVIDE, NE!!
FIVE BODIES, MERGE!!
AAA AAH
NO WAY.
WHERE ARE THEY?

HUP HUP

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I'LL LAND MAGNIFICENTLY...
WHERE'S THE GROUND!?
I'M NOT JUST SOME ORDINARY CAT, NE!!
I'LL LAND SAFELY, NE
WH-WH-WHAT IS THIS LIGHT, NE!?
HUP HUP

LISTEN. YOU MUST BE CAREFUL OF THE LIGHT ON HEAVEN'S ROAD.
IN THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN, PAPA'S DEMON POWERS DISAPPEAR,
AND YOU, WHO WERE MADE FROM HIS POWER, ALSO DISAPPEAR.
ALSO UNBOILED WATER IS...
PAPA'S ADVICE...I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED PROPERLY, NE...
I'VE LOST MY STRENGTH AND MY BODY FEELS EMPTY, NE...
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I'M HUNGRY AND SLEEPY, NE...
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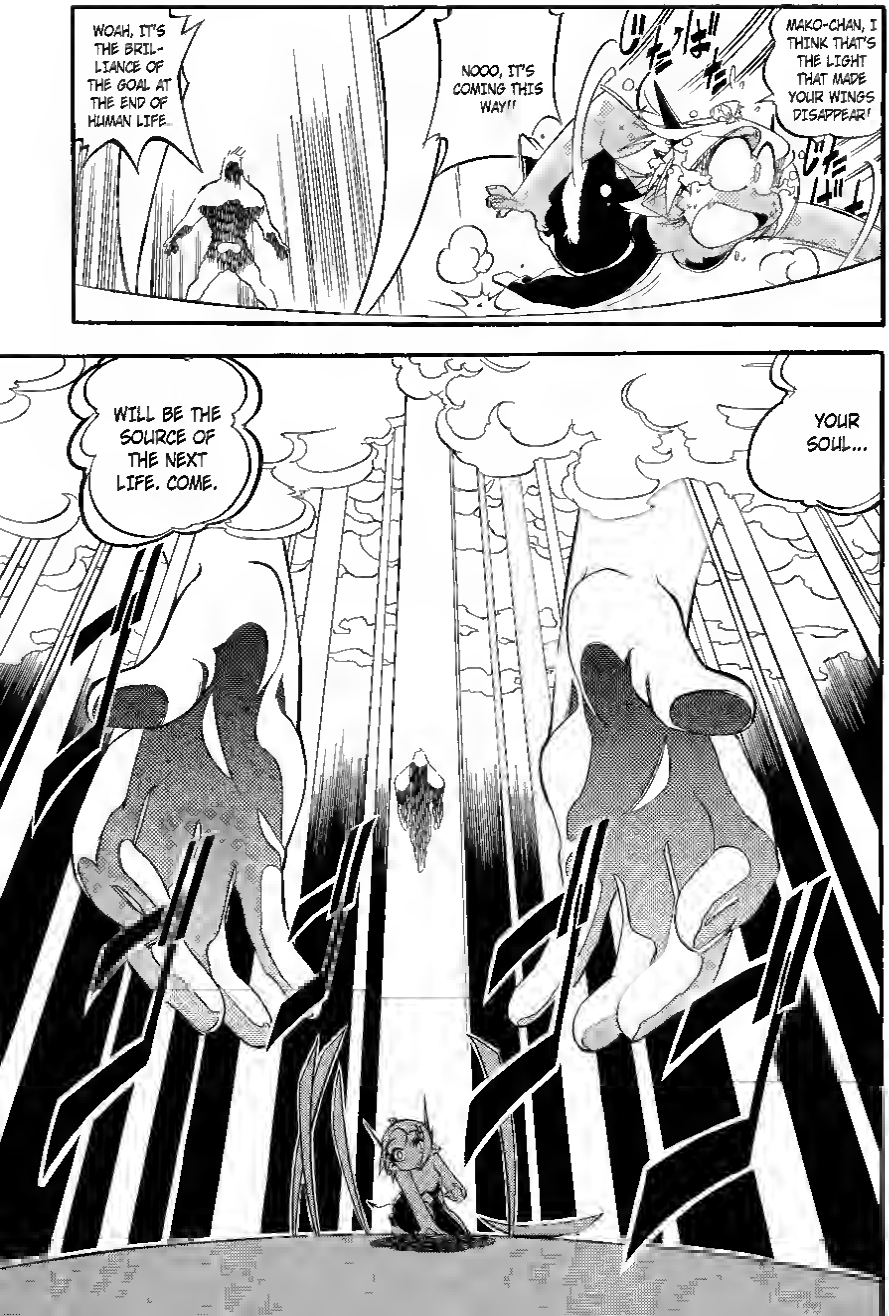
THEY'RE... PAPA'S CLAWS...


WOAH, IT'S THE BRILLIANCE OF THE GOAL AT THE END OF HUMAN LIFE...
NOOO, IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!
MAKO-CHAN, I THINK THAT'S THE LIGHT THAT MADE YOUR WINGS DISAPPEAR!
WILL BE THE SOURCE OF THE NEXT LIFE. COME.
YOUR SOUL...

!?
I'M HUNGRY AND SLEEPY...
I'M SO SLEEPY...
YOU CAN'T STOP. YOU'LL DISAPPEAR, AND BE TAKEN AWAY.
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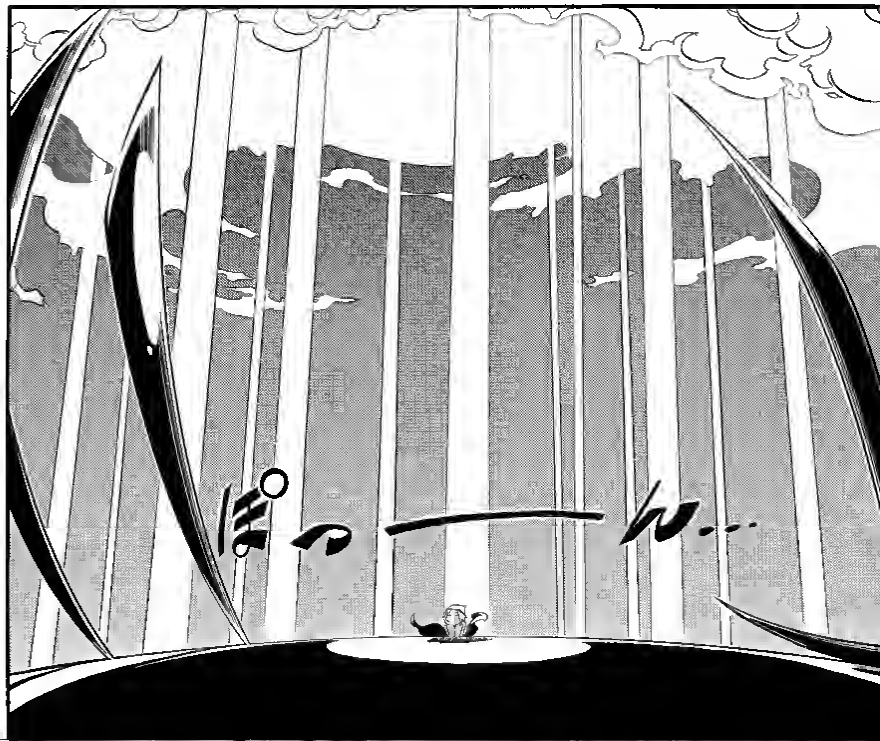
I HAVE NO NEED FOR A DEMON'S SOUL OR A CONTRACTED SOUL...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THIS
SERIOUSLY, AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME AS THIS...!?
WHAT IS THIS THING!?
YOU'RE A DUMMY, MAKO-CHAN!! YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT!!! IDIOT!!!
NO!
EFFORT AND WILLPOWER! DON'T FEEL CRUSHED.
KON-CHAN...?
COME ON. LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU GANKO-CHAN.

WELCOME HOME, KON-CHAN
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, KON-CHAN
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HEH?
WHEN I FELL I FORGOT EVERYTHING, YOU SEE. I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT I WAS A HUMAN.
IT'S BEEN A HUNDRED YEARS SINCE YOU FELL TO EARTH. TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
OH, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WAS ON HEAVEN'S ROAD?
C!?

A GOD!?
KON-CHAN'S...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ALL GODS ARE KON-CHANS
UM. . UM. . EVERYONE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE KON-CHAN
WHEN I WAS THINKING THAT, ALL OF MY MEMORIES CAME BACK TO ME
WHEN I MANAGED TO PULL THAT OFF BY MYSELF, I THOUGHT, THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN COULD DO THAT
BUT IT WAS REALLY "WORLD PEACE" THAT DID IT
I KEPT THINKING IT WAS WEIRD THAT I COULDN'T DIE NO MATTER WHAT,
YOU'RE AN IDIOT, KON-CHAN!!
AND SINCE I WAS PRESIDENT, I FIGURED THE QUICKEST WAY TO RESIGN WAS TO DIE

BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!
YOU SAY YOU'RE A GOD AND YOU'RE IMMORTAL
YOU ALWAYS, ALWAYS ARE LIKE THIS.
YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ON A WHIM, YOU DIE AND THEN DON'T DIE
AND YOU WORRY US NOT JUST HUMANS, BUT EVEN THAT DEMON!!
SORRY...
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FOR 17 YEARS OF GANKO-CHAN'S LIFE YOU'VE WORRIED FOR ME,
AND YOU EVEN PUT UP WITH ME WHEN I WAS BEING SELFISH OR FICKLE
!?
YOU EVEN RISKED YOUR LIFE TO COME HERE FOR ME

IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO TO MAKE UP FOR WORRYING YOU
HOW'S THIS?
TELL ME WHAT YOU WISH FOR.
IF YOU'D LIKE YOU CAN STAY HERE AND LIVE THE HAPPY LIFE OF THE GODS.
OR IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN RETURN YOU TO YOUR WORLD.

WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO I WISH FOR...?
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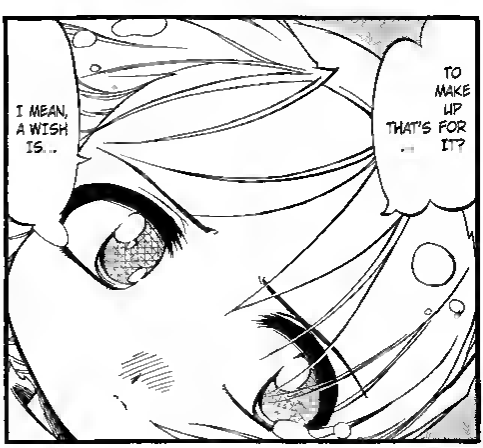
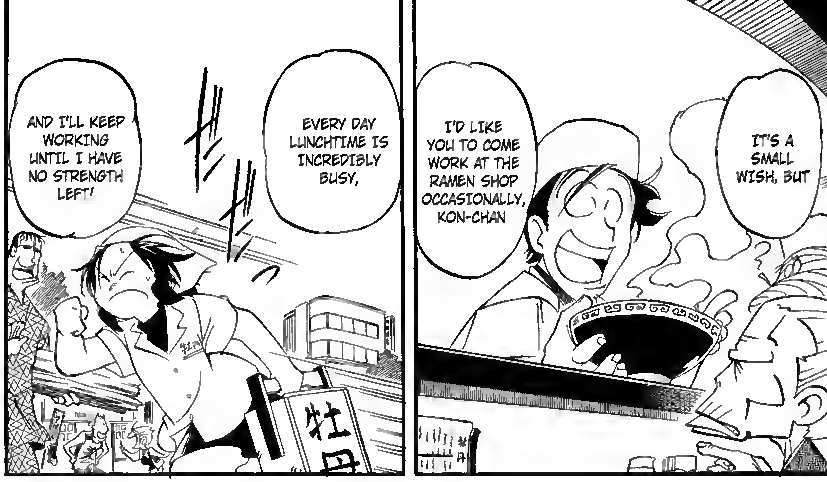
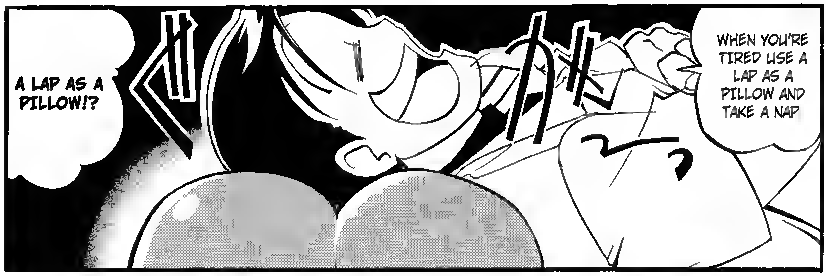

I MEAN, A WISH IS...
TO MAKE UP FOR IT?
THAT'S


AND I'LL KEEP WORKING UNTIL I HAVE NO STRENGTH LEFT!
EVERY DAY LUNCHTIME IS INCREDIBLY BUSY,
I'D LIKE YOU TO COME WORK AT THE RAMEN SHOP OCCASIONALLY, KON-CHAN
IT'S A SMALL WISH, BUT


A LAP AS A PILLOW!?
WHEN YOU'RE TIRED USE A LAP AS A PILLOW AND TAKE A NAP

NO, I REALLY DIDN'T WISH FOR THAT...
ALO~ HA!!
WELL, THAT'S ACTUALLY MY REQUEST
SFX CLUNK
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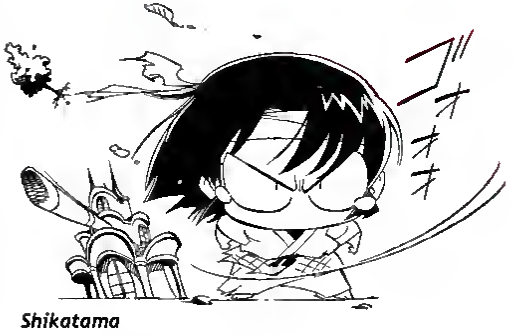

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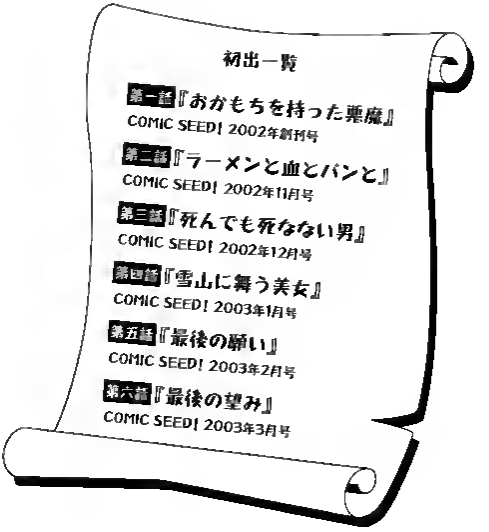
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かの有名パクリ漫画からこっち
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手元に残るモノがないとゆーか
ウチじゃ見れんとゆーか…
まぁとにかくめでてぇや！

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